(e) Apart from implementing the declarations under the Citizens' Charter in letter and spirit, the Government also proposes to make law and procedure simpler, to undertake invasive actions like search and survey in very rare cases, to create large Taxpayer Units (LTUs) for facilitating high taxpayers and to create help Centers in cooperation with industry associations, professional bodies and NGOs for facilitating small taxpayers.

Uniform sharing of tax burden

3461. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the protest against higher personal tax rates, particularly from the salaried class;

(b) whether it is a fact that non-salaried people with comparable or even higher living standard end up paying just nominal tax, which is much less compared to the tax paid by the salaried class; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure that the people from service/business/profession are made to share tax burden uniformly?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Finance Bill 2005 proposes a number of changes in the personal income tax structure. The slab rates have been comprehensively revised and almost all categories of taxpayers stand to gain. It is not true to say, therefore, that personal tax rates are higher than before.

(b) and (c) Representations have been received from a cross section of people on certain perceived anomalies in the structure. These are being examined and Government's response will be conveyed to Parliament during the debate on the Finance Bill.

Circulation of fake currency notes

†3462. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign anti-social elements are spreading their network by introducing fake Indian currency of different denominations in the markets across the country specially in the State of Bihar and in the North-Eastern border areas thereby creating a possible danger of a parallel economy in the country; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.